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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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Leicestershire.

September, 1967.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Rural District Council of
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Sumnall, Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report for the year 1966.

According to the Registrar General's estimate the population has remained the same at 13,700.

The birth rate, 14.8, is lower than last year, 16.6, and lower than that for England and Wales, 17.7.

The death rate, 11.6, is slightly higher than last year, 11.5, and slightly lower than that for England and Wales, 11.7. The death rate of infants under one year is 15.2 compared with 13.9 in 1965, and England and Wales, 19.0, and the still birth rate is 10.0 compared with 15.4 for England and Wales.

The chief causes of death, as has been the case for some years past, were from diseases associated with elderly people.

There are 445 septic tanks in the district, 41 septic tanks were constructed and 4 abolished during the year. 6 closets were converted to the water carriage system during the year.

182 houses were completed during the year making a total of 1,504 houses completed in the post-war period. 134 houses are in the course of construction.

The total number of applicants for Council houses at the end of the year was 214, and the number of applications received during the year was 112.

Implementation of the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, proceeded satisfactorily and no formal action has been necessary.

115 cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year, of which 104 were Measles, 5 Whooping Cough, 3 Scarlet Fever, 2 Pneumonia and 1 Puerperal Pyrexia. Measles were prevalent over the whole district during the year, but most of the cases occurred in January. There were 9 Pneumonia deaths. The Whooping Cough and Scarlet Fever cases were mild.

The woman carrier of Paratyphoid B remained unchanged at the end of the year.

During the year 1 case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified, an elderly male. The Tuberculosis was not severe. There were no Tuberculosis deaths. 4 cases were removed from the Register, leaving 16 people on the Register, which is the lowest ever. Most of these people are either ambulatory or at work.

To the staff of the Public Health Department of the County Council, and to Doctor Mair, Director of the Public Health Laboratory, I wish to extend my thanks for their willing help and co-operation.

Finally, I wish to thank Mr. C.S. Curtis, Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, and Mr. H. Batteson and Mr. W.E. Farley, Additional Public Health Inspectors, for their invaluable help during the year, and, you, Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Sumnall, Gentlemen, for your kindness and co-operation:

I remain,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Sumnall, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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SECTION A

Statistics and Social Conditions.

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|---|------------|
| Area (in acres). | 28,267 |
| Resident Population (R.G.'s estimate). | 13,700 |
| Estimated Mid-Year Home Population, England and Wales. | 48,075,300 |
| Number of occupied houses. | 4,793 |
| Number of occupied Council houses. | 1,142 |
| Rateable value (1st April, 1966). | £ 467,167 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate. | £ 1,840 |
| Comparability factor - Births. | 1.02 |
| Deaths. | 1.08 |

The chief industries in the area are agriculture; coal mining; brickmaking; stoneware and pipemaking and stone quarrying. There are also light engineering works.

No particular industry was noted as having a specially injurious effect on health during the year.

| <u>Vital Statistics.</u> | <u>Rural</u> <u>District.</u> | <u>England</u> <u>& Wales.</u> |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Live Births. | 198 | |
| Live Birth rate - Crude 14.5; Adjusted | 14.8 | 17.7 |
| Still Births. | 2 | |
| Still Birth rate per 1,000 (live and still). | 10.0 | 15.4 |
| Total Births (live and still). | 200 | |
| Infant Deaths. | 3 | |
| Infantile Mortality rate per 1,000 live births. | 15.2 | 19.0 |
| Infantile Mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births. | 16.1 | |
| Infantile Mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births. | 0 | |

| | <u>Rural</u> <u>District.</u> | <u>England</u> <u>& Wales.</u> |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Neo-Natal Mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1,000 related to live births. | 15.2 | 12.9 |
| Early Neo-Natal Mortality rate (first week) per 1,000 related to live births. | 15.2 | 11.1 |
| Perinatal Mortality rate (first week combined with still birth rate) per 1,000 live and still births. | 25.0 | 26.3 |
| Percentage of illegitimate live births. | 6.1 | |
| Maternal deaths including abortion. | 0 | |
| Maternal mortality rate (including abortion per 1,000 total births). | 0 | |

Births.

| | <u>Males.</u> | <u>Females.</u> | <u>Total.</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Live Births : Legitimate. | 101 | 85 | 186 |
| Illegitimate. | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| | <u>105</u> | <u>93</u> | <u>198</u> |
| Still Births : Legitimate. | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Illegitimate. | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> |
| Total Births (Live and Still). | <u>106</u> | <u>94</u> | <u>200</u> |
| Deaths. | <u>85</u> | <u>62</u> | <u>147</u> |

| | <u>Rural</u> <u>District.</u> | <u>England</u> <u>& Wales.</u> |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Crude Death Rate - 10.7 | | |
| Adjusted Death rate per 1,000 population. | 11.6 | 11.7 |

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE.

| Causes of Death. | S E X | Total all Ages | Under 4 weeks | Over 4 weeks & under 1 year | AGE IN YEARS. | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|--|
| | | | | | 1-4 | 5-14 | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65-74 | 75 & over | |
| Other infectious and parasitic diseases. | M F | 1 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach. | M F | 2 4 | | | | | | | | | | 2 3 | 1 | |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung Bronchus. | M F | 8 | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | | | |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast. | M F | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms. | M F | 3 4 | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 2 1 | 1 | | |
| Diabetes. | M F | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system. | M F | 11 14 | | | | | | | | 4 3 | 2 5 | 5 6 | | |
| Coronary disease, angina. | M F | 21 10 | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 7 1 | 6 3 | 5 6 | | |
| Hypertension with heart disease. | M F | 2 | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | |
| Other heart diseases. | M F | 10 9 | | | | | | | 1 | | 3 1 | 7 7 | | |
| Other circulatory disease. | M F | 1 2 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Pneumonia. | M F | 7 2 | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 1 | | |
| Bronchitis. | M F | 2 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 1 | | |
| Other diseases of respiratory system. | M F | 2 2 | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea. | M F | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Nephritis & Nephrosis. | M F | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Other defined and ill- defined diseases. | M F | 11 7 | 2 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 2 | 3 | 3 3 | | |
| Motor Vehicle accidents. | M F | 2 | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| All other accidents. | M F | 2 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Total all causes. | M F | 87 60 | 2 1 | - - | 1 1 | 1 1 | - - | 5 1 | 6 5 | 16 10 | 23 15 | 29 26 | | |
| Total both sexes. | | 147 | 3 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 6 | 11 | 26 | 43 | 55 | |

Chief Causes of Death.

| | |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Diseases of Heart and Circulation. | 80 |
| Malignant Neoplasm (Cancer). | 23 |
| Diseases of Respiratory System. | 16 |

Death of Infants under one year of age.

| | <u>Males.</u> | <u>Females.</u> | <u>Total.</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Legitimate. | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Illegitimate. | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>3</u> |

Death of Infants under four weeks of age.

| | | | |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Legitimate. | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Illegitimate. | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>3</u> |

Deaths of Infants under one week of age.

| | | | |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Legitimate. | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Illegitimate. | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>3</u> |

SECTION B.
GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR
THE AREA.

Hospitals.

All Hospitals, except some private maternity and nursing homes are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

The County Homes for the elderly are under the County Council. When the residents take ill they become the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

Cheshire Home for the Sick (Staunton Harold Home).

The State does not yet provide anything like enough accommodation for people who are over school leaving age and under retiring age who are so chronically disabled as to be unable to earn their own living. The Home is an attempt to provide such accommodation and to encourage all sorts of activities, some of which have commercial value, so that the resident patients on entering the Home start a new life useful to each other and useful to other people.

The capacity of this Home is 42. Twenty-four places are provided for males, and eighteen for females.

This Cheshire Home, in common with the others, provides safe accommodation and freedom from worry about day to day living. It does not provide remedial or surgical treatment, but just a place which is "Home".

Two thirds of the finance is provided by the State Benefit, (to which any sick person is entitled), and by the Local Authority from which the patient originally came. The remainder of the money is given by the general public, from whom the Home needs about £12,000 each year to keep open.

During the year some building improvement has been achieved by re-siting the kitchen, giving the cooks better facilities and more room. The Womens' Ablution Room has been re-designed and a free standing bath installed to make it easier for the staff to cope with disabled people.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

An Infant Welfare Clinic was instituted at Measham in October, 1964, and has proved a very popular innovation for the community.

It is held on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and is attended by the Measham Doctors and the Health Visitor.

The average attendance at the Clinic has been about 50 mothers with their infants.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every Thursday afternoon at the Baptist School, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoon at the Centenary Methodist Church, Donisthorpe Road, Moira. The Chest Clinic is held at Markfield Sanatorium under the auspices of the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board. At the Health Centre, Bridge Road, Coalville, an Ante-Natal Clinic is available. Relaxation classes for pregnant mothers are held at the Ivanhoe Community College, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Wednesday mornings of each week except during the school holidays.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Ambulance service in North West Leicestershire is provided by the County Council from the Coalville Ambulance Station, where three Ambulances and five dual purpose vehicles are based, to give a 24 hour service.

During 1966 vehicles based at the Coalville Ambulance Station conveyed 24,532 patients a total of 223,278 miles.

Colliery accidents are removed by ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and at Bath Yard, Moira.

Nursing in the Home.

All district nursing and midwifery in the home is under the Leicestershire County Council.

Health Visiting.

This work is provided by the Leicestershire County Council and the work of Health Visitor, School Nurse, and Tuberculosis Visitor is combined in a single appointment.

The Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Diabetic Clinic at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and visits the patients in their homes on request.

Laboratory Facilities.

This work is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

Generally, there is co-operation between the Local Authority and the services provided by the Executive Council and the Hospital Board and the tendency is towards closer integration.

Meals on Wheels.

There are two schemes, one serving Measham, Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Packington area, and the other serving Coleorton, Swannington, Ravenstone and Worthington area, some 24 meals being served twice weekly in each area.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER,
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during
1966.

| Disease. | Final Number after Correction. | Total Deaths. |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Scarlet Fever. | 3 | - |
| Whooping Cough. | 5 | - |
| Puerperal Pyrexia. | 1 | - |
| Measles. | 104 | - |
| Pneumonia. | 2 | 9 |
| Erysipelas. | - | - |
| Totals. | 115 | 9 |

Analysis under Age Groups According to
Registrar General's Return 118.

| Age Group. | Whooping Cough. | Measles. | Scarlet Fever. | Dysentary. |
|---------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|------------|
| Under 1 year. | 1 | 2 | - | - |
| 1 to 2 | 1 | 9 | - | - |
| 2 to 3 | 1 | 10 | - | - |
| 3 to 4 | - | 16 | - | - |
| 4 to 5 | 1 | 10 | - | - |
| 5 to 9 | 1 | 52 | 3 | - |
| 10 to 14 | - | 5 | - | - |
| 15 to 24 | - | - | - | - |
| 25 and over. | - | - | - | - |
| Totals. | 5 | 104 | 3 | - |

| Age Group. | Pneumonia. | Erysipelas. | Food Poisoning. | Puerperal Pyrexia. |
|----------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Under 5 years. | - | - | - | - |
| 5 to 14 | - | - | - | - |
| 15 to 44 | - | - | - | 1 |
| 45 to 64 | - | - | - | - |
| 65 and over. | 2 | - | - | - |
| Totals. | 2 | - | - | 1 |

Table showing incidence of Notifiable Diseases in each Parish during year 1966.

| Parish. | Scarlet Fever | Whooping Cough | Measles | Pneumonia | Erysipelas | Puerperal Pyrexia | Total |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------|-----------|------------|-------------------|-------|
| Appleby Magna. | - | 1 | 33 | - | - | - | 34 |
| Bardon. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Chilcote. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Coleorton. | 2 | - | 5 | - | - | - | 7 |
| Heather. | - | - | 5 | - | - | - | 5 |
| Measham. | - | - | 18 | - | - | 1 | 19 |
| Normanton-le-Heath. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Oakthorpe & Donisthorpe. | - | - | 6 | - | - | - | 6 |
| Osgathorpe. | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Packington. | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Ravenstone. | - | 2 | 4 | 1 | - | - | 7 |
| Snarestone. | - | - | 9 | - | - | - | 9 |
| Staunton Harold | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Stretton-en-le-Field. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Swannington. | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | 3 |
| Swepestone. | - | - | 8 | - | - | - | 8 |
| Worthington. | - | - | 12 | 1 | - | - | 13 |
| Totals. | 3 | 5 | 104 | 2 | - | 1 | 115 |

The following table shows the incidence of
Measles in each Parish Monthly.

| Year 1966. | Appley Magna. | Pardon. | Chilcote. | Coleorton. | Heather. | Measham. | Normanton-le-Heath. | Cakthorpe & Donisthorpe. | Osgathorpe. | Packington. | Ravenstone. | Snarestone. | Staunton Harold. | Stretton-en-le-Field. | Swannington. | Swepestone. | Worthington. | Totals. |
|---------------|---------------|---------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------|
| January. | 33 | - | - | 1 | - | 11 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 11 | 58 |
| February. | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 6 |
| March. | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| April. | - | - | - | 1 | - | 5 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 |
| May. | - | - | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| June. | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 6 |
| July. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 | - | 8 |
| August. | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 4 |
| September. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| October. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| November. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| December. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Totals. | 33 | - | - | 5 | 5 | 18 | - | 6 | 1 | - | 4 | 9 | - | - | 3 | 8 | 12 | 104 |

Paratyphoid B Carrier.

In October, 1963, a woman was found to be a carrier of Salmonella Paratyphi B. She took all necessary precautions. She was still excreting bacilli at the end of the year. Thanks are due to her own doctor for helpful co-operation.

Measles.

Most of the cases occurred in January, the rest were scattered over the whole district for the rest of the year.

Salmonella Infection.

A woman had a mild attack of gastro-enteritis and was found to be infected with Salmonella Typhimurium. Fortunately, all bacteriological examinations were negative after the symptoms ceased, and all contacts were negative. This was not a case of food poisoning, nor was it possible to say where the infection came from.

Tuberculosis.

During the year only one case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified, male and elderly.

Four cases were removed from the Register - two cured, (one male pulmonary and one male non-pulmonary), one female pulmonary and one male pulmonary left the district, leaving a total of sixteen cases in the Register. Most of these cases are either at work or ambulatory.

Sixteen cases on the Register is the lowest ever.

Cases attend for treatment at Markfield Hospital Chest Clinic and at the Outwoods Hospital, Burton-on-Trent, where there are also special clinics for contacts.

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SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Rural District Council of
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Sumnall, Gentlemen,

I beg to present this my Annual Report for the year 1966.

During this year the Building Regulations, 1965, came into operation. These Regulations will operate on all buildings, the plans of which were submitted after 1st February, 1966, and, in certain cases, to buildings erected before that date, should alterations be carried out. The result is that on one housing site it is at present possible for two dwellings to be in course of erection but subject to different Regulations. The Regulations are the same all over the Country so that builders know that all they have to do in any district is comply with one set of Regulations - if they can understand them. The Regulations give more freedom in some respects, but are much more stringent in others, particularly where fire is concerned.

Mining subsidence continued to cause concern, both because of its effect on dwellings with resulting financial loss, and because of the discomfort and mental suffering - especially for housewives. As a local authority our own houses suffered as did our ~~services~~ - especially our sewers. The outfall sewer to Donisthorpe Works had to be relaid and a new Pumping Main and Station constructed to remedy mining subsidence damage, and at the end of the year a scheme was being hurriedly prepared to remedy serious further subsidence which was forecast by the National Coal Board in the Donisthorpe Area, arrangements being made for additional "lifting" capacity at Ramscliff Avenue Ejector Station. At the time of preparing this report it appears likely that two further Pumping Stations will be needed in Donisthorpe alone - 4 Pumping Stations in one small village.

On the 1st April the North West Leicestershire Water Board started to operate in this Council's district; prior to this we had, for approximately 1 year, acted as Agents for the Board. During the past year the Board have laid many connection mains to link up villages in this Rural District with the Urban District Council's mains, and so enabled water to be pushed from one authority to another during times of emergency. This is something which we always wanted to do but never could do - had we been able to, it would have saved much worry during the previous 15 years and saved inconvenience to householders. From this point of view the formation of the Water Board is a very good thing.

During the year we were approached by the National Coal Board regarding the erection of about 200 houses for displaced miners from the North. A subsidy to be given by the National Coal Board. The Council, after investigation and discussion, decided to co-operate with the Board and land was purchased adjoining the Tamworth Road, Measham. Negotiations were entered into with Messrs. George Wimpey & Co. Ltd., for the erection of the houses, and at the end of the year a scheme had been prepared, received planning approval, and was being priced. The Council had agreed, in principle, that the dwellings be heated by means of a district heating scheme, and a scheme was in course of preparation at the year's end.

Efforts to encourage owners to take advantage of Standard and Improvement Grants continued, approaches being made to some 320 owners during the year.

Particulars of water supplies to dwelling houses :

| Internal Mains Water supply | | Mains water from External standpipes | | Well water supply | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| No. of dwelling houses. | Population. | No. of dwelling houses. | Population. | No. of dwelling houses. | Population. |
| 4,694 | Est: 13,453 | 21 | Est: 63 | 74 | Est: 218 |

Number of parishes with piped water supply :

from public mains: 16 from private reservoirs: 2 (1 part)

Number of parishes without a piped supply: 1 (part) - Bardon.

Water supply from Wells.

| Number of samples taken for analysis. | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Satisfactory. | | Unsatisfactory. | |
| Chemical. | Bacteriological. | Chemical. | Bacteriological. |
| Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The position at the year end was as follows :

| | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <u>Appleby Magna.</u> | Scheme completed for main part of village. Scheme for enlargement of Pumping Station deferred as this forms part of Snarestone Sewage Works extension scheme. |
| <u>Bardon.</u> | Scattered area - impossible to sewer. |
| <u>Chilcote.</u> | Scheme being prepared. |
| <u>Coleorton.</u> | Deferred indefinitely because of mining subsidence. |
| <u>Donisthorpe.</u> | Works over-loaded - work of re-construction commenced. Pumping main to replace outfall sewer and new Pumping Station constructed. Enlargement of works commenced. |
| <u>Heather.</u> | Scheme completed some 10 years ago - a very strong effluent caused treatment difficulties and a re-circulation scheme has been installed, and has proved satisfactory. |
| <u>Measham and Oakthorpe.</u> | Works modernised and enlarged some 5 years ago, but very strong effluent led to a suspicion that the Works were still over-loaded and investigations were carried out, confirming this suspicion. As a first step Banks Clarifiers are being installed on the Humus tanks to deal with this and additional effluent which is to be pumped from the new housing development off Atherstone Road. A scheme is to be prepared for the enlargement of the Works and for the relaying of the over-loaded flat outfall sewer. |

| | |
|--|--|
| <u>Normanton-le-Heath.</u> | Scheme being prepared for pumping to Ravenstone. |
| <u>Osgathorpe.</u> | Scheme completed. |
| <u>Packington.</u> | Scheme completed. |
| <u>Ravenstone.</u> | Works badly over-loaded - scheme for complete reconstruction in hand. |
| <u>Snarestone.</u> | These Works deal with effluent from Appleby Magna, Snarestone, Newton Burgoland and Swepstone and are over-loaded. A scheme for enlargement was submitted to the Ministry, but after a public enquiry the scheme was deferred. The effluent at these Works improved very considerably during the year once farm effluent from Appleby Magna was taken out of the sewers. |
| <u>Swannington.</u> | New Pumping Station constructed to pump sewage to Coalville Urban District Council's Works. This Pumping Station was burnt to the ground following an electricity fault. |
| <u>Swepstone and Newton Burgoland.</u> | Scheme completed. |
| <u>Worthington.</u> | Scheme completed. |

There are now eleven Pumping Stations in use in the Rural District, with a further one under construction at Mill House Estate, in the parish of Osgathorpe.

The scheme for the cleaning out of the Appleby Magna Brook Course was approved by the Ministry, and was commenced. The work included cleaning out approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of brook, some re-alignment, and the construction of 5 new sleeper bridges to replace old arched brick bridges which impeded the flow. The scheme was half completed by the end of the year; some difficulty was being experienced due to rock in the bed of the stream.

| | |
|---|-----|
| Inspection of sewers and ditches and work in hand. | 130 |
| Blocked sewers. | 20 |
| Inspections of sewage works and pumping stations. | 323 |
| Ditches cleaned out. | 1 |
| Number of septic tanks constructed during the year. | 4 |
| Number of septic tanks/cesspools in the district at 31st December, 1966. | 445 |
| Sewers relaid or repaired. | 4 |

NEW DRAINAGE AND CLOSET CONVERSIONS.

(other than work connected with Improvement Grants/
Standard Grants).

| | |
|---|----|
| New drainage systems laid to sewer. | 3 |
| New water closets constructed to replace pan closets. | 6 |
| Pail closets abolished. | 6 |
| Visits of inspection. | 19 |
| Septic tanks provided. | 3 |

A grant of not more than £10.0.0. is given to encourage the conversion of pails, privies, etc. to water closets. This amount is now totally inadequate, the cost of closet conversions is such that £10.0.0. is only a fraction of the cost, especially where no sewer is available.

Closet accommodation.

Total number in district at 31st December, 1966 :

Privies : Nil. Pail Closets : 436 Water Closets : 4,336

COMPLAINTS.

Set out below are details of the various complaints which have been received, together with a table showing repairs and improvements carried out.

| | |
|---|-----|
| Dwellings rendered fit or defects remedied. | 21 |
| Complaints received. | 74 |
| Premises inspected. | 74 |
| Groundless complaints. | 3 |
| Revisits to work in hand. | 210 |
| Premises at which nuisances abated. | 51 |
| Informal notices served. | 71 |
| Drains relaid, repaired, trapped or ventilated or cleared, (does not include sewers). | 27 |
| Cesspools cleansed or repaired. | 3 |
| Chimney stacks repaired. | 1 |
| Damp walls remedied. | 3 |
| Ditches cleaned out. | 3 |
| Fireplaces repaired or new ones provided. | 1 |
| Plastering repaired. | 7 |
| Roofs repaired. | 4 |
| Offensive accumulations removed. | 8 |
| Eaves gutters repaired or renewed. | 4 |
| Floors repaired. | 5 |
| Miscellaneous nuisances abated. | 1 |
| Cellar flooding abated. | 6 |
| Fly nuisances abated. | 4 |
| Windows repaired. | 3 |
| Noise nuisance abated. | 1 |
| Smoke nuisance abated. | 1 |
| Animal nuisance abated. | 1 |
| Water closets repaired. | 1 |
| Overhanging hedges cleared. | 2 |
| Yards repaired. | 1 |
| Gas main relaid. | 1 |

Inspections made.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Animal keeping. | 11 |
| Bakehouses. | 6 |
| Dairies. | 4 |
| Drainage Works. | 209 |
| Dwelling houses. | 606 |
| Food poisoning enquiries. | 1 |
| Food premises. | 196 |
| Refuse collection and disposal. | 271 |
| Rodent control. | 3 (plus 1,175 carried out by Rodent Operator). |
| Shops and Offices. | 154 |
| Slaughterhouses and meat inspection. | 224 |
| Tents, vans, sheds, etc. | 55 |
| Factories and workplaces. | 54 |
| Other inspections. | 1,515 |
| | <hr/> 2,839 <hr/> |

Notices.

| <u>Preliminary.</u> | <u>Housing.</u> | <u>Public Health.</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Outstanding on 1st January, 1966. | - | 25 |
| Issued during the year. | - | 32 |
| Complied with during the year. | - | 51 |
| Outstanding on 31st December, 1966. | - | 6 |

Statutory.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|----|
| Outstanding on 1st January, 1966. | - | - |
| Issued during the year. | - | 12 |
| Complied with during the year. | - | 1 |
| Outstanding on 31st December, 1966. | - | 11 |

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT
ACT, 1963.

Routine inspections of the three licensed establishments were carried out throughout the year, and some improvements were found to have been made to the layout and the buildings at two of the premises. Generally speaking, the operation of the establishments has been such that the standards laid down by the Act have been maintained.

In the case of this Authority a standard was decided upon in consultation with an Inspector of the R.S.P.C.A.

11 visits of inspection have been made to the three Animal Boarding Establishments.

CARAVAN SITES AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

As anticipated it became necessary to instal meters to govern the electricity supply to the individual caravans at the Appleby Magna Site; it was found that there was considerable wastage as long as the tenants were on a fixed charge and consumption fell immediately the meters were fixed.

Charges at the site are as follows :

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Daily tenancy : | - 5/- per day. |
| Weekly tenancy : | - 25/- per week. |
| Electricity supply in van | - by 2/- meter. |

At the year end a number of unauthorised sites had come into use, and after the failure to ensure removal of the vans following visits and warning letters the Council authorised legal proceedings to be taken.

55 visits were made in connection with caravan sites.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The Council's Rodent Operator was employed full time during the year - although part of his actual working time was spent in the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District - an average of 8 hours per week.

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Infestations dealt with | - 466 |
| Inspections by Rodent Operator | - 1,175 |

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES
ACT, 1963.

Visits have continued throughout the year concerning the requirements of the above Act relating to the offices and shops in the district. It is noticeable that whilst this Authority has not a great number of offices and shops no accidents were reported during the year.

Gradually the problem of obtaining and fitting guards to meat slicing machines is being overcome, though some difficulty is being experienced, particularly in the case of the older type of machines.

Despite the fact that this Act has been in force for some considerable time notification of intention to employ persons is rarely received and it is only when the employers' attention is drawn to this that steps are taken to rectify the matter.

| Type of Premises. | Businesses Registered. | Inspections made. | Contraventions. | | |
|--|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| | | | Found. | Remedied. | Outstanding at 31.12.66. |
| Offices. | 10 | 35 | 9 | 6 | 3 |
| Retail Shops. | 42 | 107 | 21 | 16 | 15 |
| Wholesale Shops, Warehouses, etc. | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens, etc. | 3 | 8 | 2 | 2 | - |
| Fuel Storage depots. | 3 | 3 | - | - | - |
| TOTAL. | 59 | 154 | 32 | 24 | 18 |

HOUSING.

New Houses.

| Houses completed during the year. | T Y P E | | Average cost per house excluding site works and land. | Weekly Rent exclusive of rates. |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| | Prefab: Permanent. | Permanent. | | |
| By Local Authority. | - | 59 houses and flats. | 3 bed: houses £2,722 2 bed: flat £2,553 (Central heating provided). | £1. 15. 9. £1. 13. 7. |
| Private Enterprise. | - | 123 | - | - |
| <u>Houses in course of construction at year end.</u> | | | | |
| By Local Authority. | - | 32 | - | - |
| Private Enterprise. | - | 102 | - | - |

| | | |
|---|-----|-----|
| Total number of post-War houses completed by Local Authority. | ... | 806 |
| Total number of post-War houses completed by private enterprise. | ... | 698 |
| Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year. | ... | 214 |
| Total number of applications for Council houses received during year. | ... | 112 |
| Total number of Council houses in the district prior to 1939. | ... | 316 |

| | |
|---|-------|
| Total number of pre-War houses purchased by the Council and renovated. ... | 19 |
| Total number of occupied Council houses in the district. ... | 1,142 |
| Total number of occupied houses in the district. ... | 4,793 |

New buildings, additions, extensions, improvements, etc.

| | |
|---|-----|
| New dwellings by Local Authority. ... | 59 |
| New houses by private enterprise. ... | 123 |
| New houses drained to sewer. ... | 179 |
| New houses drained to septic tanks. ... | 3 |
| New houses with water from public main. ... | 182 |
| Kitchens. ... | 5 |
| New houses with water closets. ... | 182 |
| Garages completed. ... | 87 |
| Workshops and stores. ... | 3 |
| Bathrooms and hot water systems. ... | 66 |
| Bedrooms. ... | 9 |
| Industrial buildings. ... | 6 |
| Agricultural buildings. ... | 4 |
| Two houses into one. ... | 3 |
| Studio. ... | 1 |
| Cutting-up room. ... | 1 |
| Showroom. ... | 1 |
| Public house. ... | 1 |
| Antique shop. ... | 1 |
| Fish and Chip shop. ... | 1 |
| Miscellaneous. ... | 12 |
| Visits of inspection. ... | 738 |
| Visits to Council properties. ... | 263 |

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947.

Applications for planning permission have continued at last year's high rate, 216 applications being dealt with.

BUILDING REGULATIONS.

During the year 296 plans were submitted for consideration under the Building Regulations.

LOANS FOR HOUSE PURCHASE.

50 properties were inspected during the year as a result of requests for loans in connection with house purchase, and, in the majority of cases, loans were approved. 55 visits of inspection were made.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

These grants are discretionary, Councils being themselves able to decide as a matter of policy whether to make grants or not.

It has been the Council's policy to give 50% towards the cost of work eligible for grant. Almost all of the applications are from owner/occupiers.

| | | |
|--|----------------|--------|
| Number of applications approved. | Owner/occupied | 5 |
| | Tenanted. | 1 |
| Number of works completed. | | 6 |
| Total amount Council have agreed to pay by way of grant. | | £2,286 |
| Bathrooms. | | 9 |
| Hot water systems. | | 8 |
| Sinks provided. | | 1 |
| Water closets provided. | | 8 |
| Drainage. | | 7 |
| New windows and repairs to windows. | | 55 |
| New floors. | | 22 |
| Fireplaces. | | 14 |
| New food stores. | | 6 |
| Septic tanks provided. | | 7 |
| Damp proof courses provided. | | 9 |
| Coal stores provided. | | 4 |
| Roofs repaired. | | 6 |
| Power points provided. | | 7 |
| Eaves gutters and rain water pipes. | | 7 |
| External paving. | | 6 |
| Walls plastered. | | 30 |
| Chimney repairs. | | 5 |

| | |
|--|-----|
| Ceilings plastered. | 19 |
| Pointing to walls. | 2 |
| Laying on water for the first time. | 1 |
| Visits and revisits. | 82 |
| Total number of offers made since inception of scheme, (including informal offers). | 344 |

Grants approved by Parishes.

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Coleorton | 3 |
| Oakthorpe | 1 |
| Ravenstone | 1 |
| Staunton Harold | 1 |

STANDARD GRANTS.

Standard grants are not discretionary, all local authorities must make a grant where the property has a life of not less than 15 years. The amounts which must be given are set out in the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, as amended by the Housing Act, 1961, and grant can only be given in order to provide certain amenities, i.e. (a) a fixed bath or shower in the bathroom, (b) a wash hand basin, (c) a hot water system, (d) a water closet in the dwelling, and (e) satisfactory facilities for the storage of food.

| | | |
|--|----------------|--------|
| Applications approved | owner/occupied | 36 |
| | tenanted | 2 |
| Works completed. | | 45 |
| Total paid by way of grant. | | £5,245 |
| Fixed bath. | | 41 |
| Hot and cold water supply to bath. | | 40 |
| Water closets. | | 42 |
| Wash hand basins. | | 43 |
| Food stores. | | 19 |
| Pails abolished. | | 17 |
| Septic tanks provided. | | 11 |
| Hot and cold water supply to wash hand basin. | | 42 |
| Hot water supply to kitchen sink. | | 32 |
| Hot and cold water supply to kitchen sink. | | 1 |
| Visits and revisits. | | 210 |
| Total number of offers made since introduction of scheme (including informal offers). | | 435 |

Letters were sent to 251 owners of property in Swannington, Ravenstone and Heather. About three-quarters of the owners of property in the Rural District have now been written to and informed of the availability of grants, loans, etc. for the renovation of property, and have had sketch plans indicating various ways of carrying out the work.

Grants approved by parishes.

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Appleby Magna. | 4 |
| Coleorton. | 6 |
| Heather. | 4 |
| Measham. | 8 |
| Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe. | 5 |
| Osgathorpe. | 1 |
| Packington. | 1 |
| Ravenstone. | 9 |
| Swannington. | 4 |
| Worthington. | 3 |

General.

A total of 273 Improvement Grants and 252 Standard Grants have now been approved to the owners of properties in the Rural District, and detailed discussions held with a further 160 owners.

RENT ACT, 1957.

Rent Restrictions Regulations. 1957.

There have been no applications for certificates of disrepair during the year.

SLUM CLEARANCE.

| <u>Houses Demolished.</u> | | | |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| | Houses Demolished. | Displaced during year. | |
| <u>In Clearance Areas.</u> | | Persons. | Families. |
| Houses unfit for human habitation. | - | - | - |
| Houses included by reason of bad arrangements, etc. | - | - | - |
| Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957. | - | - | - |
| <u>Not in Clearance Areas.</u> | | | |
| As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957. | 2 | 23 | 12 |
| Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health. | - | - | - |
| Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts. | - | - | - |
| Unfit houses included in Unfitness Order. | - | - | - |

| <u>Unfit houses closed.</u> | | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957. | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957. | - | - | - |
| Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957. | - | - | - |

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|----|
| Houses demolished for other reasons | : | 21 |
| Houses lost by conversion | : | 2 |
| Houses gained by conversion | : | 1 |
| Number of Demolition Orders made | : | 12 |

Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

| | By Owner. | By Local Authority. |
|---|-----------|---------------------|
| After informal action by Local Authority. | 20 | - |
| After formal notice under | | |
| (a) Public Health Acts. | 1 | - |
| (b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957. | 2 | - |

Visits of inspection : 67

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Ice Cream.

| | | |
|---|---------------|------|
| Number of premises registered for Manufacture and retail. | ... | Nil. |
| Number of premises registered for Manufacture only. | ... | Nil. |
| Number of premises registered for retail only. | ... | 64 |
| Number of samples taken. | ... | 35 |
| Results of samples : | | |
| Grade I : | 28 | |
| Grade II : | 5 | |
| Grade III : | 1 | |
| Lollipop : | Satisfactory. | |

Ice Cream is purchased from National Manufacturers in all cases.

Milk Supply.

Dairies (other than dairy farms) and distributors (Section 8, Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949).

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---|--------------|---|
| Number on Register | : | Dairies | 2 |
| | | Distributors | 2 |
| Number of Inspections | : | Dairies | 4 |
| | | Distributors | 5 |

Biological Milk Samples taken by County Council.

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----|
| Number of routine bulk samples taken | : | 35 |
| Results satisfactory | : | 34 |
| Evidence of living Tubercule Bacilli. | : | Nil |

Bacteriological Milk Samples.

35 samples of designated "Tuberculin Tested" milk were taken and all proved to be satisfactory.

Meat and other Foods.

| | | |
|---|---|-------|
| Number of licensed slaughterhouses in area. | : | 2 |
| Number of animals slaughtered therein. | : | 2,008 |
| Number of animals examined therein. | : | 2,008 |
| Number of inspections of meat at time of slaughter. | : | 312 |
| Number of Knackers yards in area. | : | 1 |
| Number of visits to Knackers yard. | : | 5 |
| Number of visits to slaughter houses. | : | 224 |
| Number of visits to butchers' shops. | : | 22 |

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

| Food Premises in Categories. | Premises which comply with Regulation 16. | Premises which will comply with Regulation 19. |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Number of licensed premises..... 46 | 46 | 46 |
| Number of Cafes, restaurants &c. 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Number of General Stores..... 48 | 46 | 46 |
| Number of Works Canteens..... 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Number of Butchers' Shops..... 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Number of School Canteens..... 16 | 16 | 16 |
| Number of Off-licensed Shops... 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Number of Fish and Chip Shops.. 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Number of Greengrocers' Shops.. 2 | 2 | 2 |

Work in connection with the inspection of food premises continued during the year.

| | | |
|---|---|-----|
| Number of premises inspected. | : | 105 |
| Number of inspections made for the purpose. | : | 161 |
| Number of informal notices served. | : | 23 |
| Number of informal notices complied with | : | 19 |
| Number of informal notices outstanding at 31st December, 1966. | : | 15 |
| Number of premises modernised. | : | Nil |
| Number with hot water supply laid on. | : | 2 |
| Number of premises cleaned and redecorated. | : | 6 |
| Number of shops closed, (voluntary). | : | 2 |

MEAT INSPECTION - CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

| | Cattle excluding Cows. | Cows. | Calves. | Sheep and Lambs | Pigs. |
|---|------------------------------|-------|---------|-----------------------|--------|
| Number killed. | 431 | - | - | 1,139 | 438 |
| Number inspected. | 431 | - | - | 1,139 | 438 |
| <u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u> | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned. | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned. | 57 | - | - | 30 | 83 |
| Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci. | 13.2% | - | - | 2.72% | 19.18% |
| <u>Tuberculosis only.</u> | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned. | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned. | - | - | - | - | - |
| Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis. | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Cysticercosis.</u> | | | | | |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned. | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration. | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Generalised and total condemned. | - | - | - | - | - |

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act.

Inspections for purposes of provision as to Health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

| | <u>No. on</u> <u>Register</u> | <u>No. of</u> <u>Inspections</u> | <u>Written</u> <u>Notices</u> |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| (ii) Factories in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. | 29 | 31 | - |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. | 9 | 23 | - |
| | <u>38</u> | <u>54</u> | |

No. of cases in which
defects were found.

| | <u>Found.</u> | <u>Remedied.</u> | <u>Referred</u> <u>by H.M.</u> <u>Inspector.</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--|
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.) | 5 | 5 | - |

Part VIII of the Act.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Outworkers (Sections 110 and 111) | <u>Number of Outworkers in</u> <u>August list required by</u> <u>Section 111 (1) (c).</u> |
| Wearing apparel making, etc. | 4 |

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Tipping continued in the old cutting off Stoney Lane, Coleorton; in the Canal bed at Measham, and off Measham Road, Donisthorpe.

Although old railway sleepers are used for the 30'0" or so immediately adjoining the tip faces to support the vehicles, the tips are moving rapidly forward, particularly on the disused canal at Measham, and this causes considerable difficulty in maintaining a satisfactory access to the face. Very wet weather at the beginning and end of the year aggravated the situation.

We have about 3 years tipping space left and will then be in serious difficulty unless we find additional means of disposal.

The cesspool emptying vehicle has continued to be employed each morning of the week emptying pans and three afternoons each week emptying cesspools. In addition a side loading refuse collection vehicle spends two mornings each week emptying pans by means of a portable night soil tank.

271 visits were made during the year in connection with public cleansing.

PETROLEUM.

Visits were made in respect of all new installations; excavations for tanks inspected; the tanks, pipe lines, etc. inspected and tested before a license to use is issued.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Routine inspections are made. There has been further minor damage throughout the year, especially during the darker evenings, but, if anything, slightly less than in previous years.

STREET LIGHTING.

The whole of the Rural District street lighting has now been re-organised, and appears to be very satisfactory. There has been some damage due to vandalism. 61 visits of inspection have been made.

I wish to again express to you Mr. Chairman, and to Members of the Rural District Council, my thanks for the understanding and support you have shown to my Department during the year.

I am most grateful to Dr. Segerdal, the Clerk and the Accountant for their advice and help, and to the members of my staff for their conscientious work during the year.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Sumnall, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C.S. CURTIS.

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